PRESIDENT : Policy is not a supplementary question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know why Government did not care to supply information asked for, though it was an admitted question ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government did not consider it necessary to collect all the detailed information.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether any area has been disafforested since the submission of the report of the Swampy Areas Committee ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Can the member now tell me the extent of the area in the Nedumangad taluk which was disafforested ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : About 50 acres.

Cattle pound at Kattakada.

144 ✻**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was any sanction at any time before this to start a pound at Kattakada :

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken to start the sanctioned pound : and

(*c*) why the delay was caused to start it ?

MR K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) The pound was not started as the people did not put up and hand over the building for the purpose as agreed to by them.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether it is usual that, if the people put up the necessary building for the purpose, Government will sanction the starting of a cattle pound ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Usually it is not so. In particular cases when people agree to put up the building, Government accept the offer and accord the necessary sanction.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government realise the necessity of having a cattle pound at Kattakada ?

PRESIDENT : That is a matter of opinion.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know what is the general practice adopted by Government in starting a cattle pound ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : There is no such general practice. Sometimes when people apply, Government ask them whether they will provide the necessary building. If they agree to do it, then sanction is given. In the particular case, the people agreed to provide the building, but they did not carry out the promise.

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